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Applicants: KATO, et al

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For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

Group: 3749

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION**

September 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed April 5, 2002, enclosed please find the following, in connection with the above-identified application:

- (1) The properly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the application by Application No. 10/060,304 and filing date.

Also enclosed is the necessary fee for late filing of the Declaration.

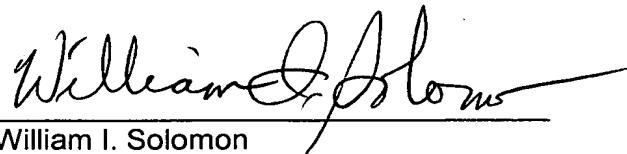
Further enclosed is a Consent of Assignee for the above-identified application.

Entry of the enclosed Declaration and Consent of Assignee, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, including in light of the documents submitted in the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, are respectfully requested.



To the extent necessary, Applicants' petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing docket no. 520.30414R46) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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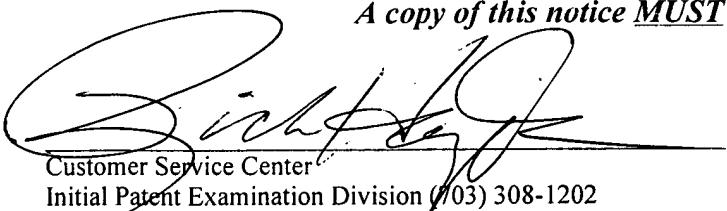
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

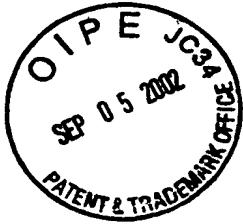

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

The assignee owning an undivided interest in original U.S. Patent No. 6,330,756 is Hitachi, Ltd., as evidenced by the Assignment recorded at Reel 6671, Frame 0122, and the assignee consents to the application for reissue thereof.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Name of Assignee: HITACHI, LTD.

Signature of person signing for assignee:

August 28, 2002
Date


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